

ROCKFORD TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

Wednesday, July 13, 2011, 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. George Zawislak at 6:02 PM.

Members Present

Mr. George Zawislak, Chairman

Mr. Thomas Okite, Vice Chairman

Mr. Dock Ward

Mr. Gregg Wilson, Transportation, School District 205

Lieutenant Christine Bishop, Rockford Police Department

Mr. Jon Reitman, Rockford Fire Department

Mr. Gary McIntyre, Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Mr. Wayne Dust, Planning Division, Community Development Department (Arrived 6:12)

Mr. Jeremy Carter, Public Works Department

Members Absent

Mr. Fred Lierman

Mr. Leland Carlson

Alderman Franklin Beach, 10th Ward

Mr. Ron Muzzarelli, Rockford Mass Transit District

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 8, 2011, were approved as submitted.

The Traffic Commission recommended taking “No Action” on the following items:

1. Request from Cunningham Street Block Club to repeal the existing traffic control of Loomis Street stopping for Corbin Street and replace with all-way stop control at the intersection of Corbin Street and Loomis Street. (Commission discussed the recent fatality at the intersection. Commission discussed that all-way stop would probably not have prevented the accident. Discussion that Corbin is a thru street and an all-way stop one block to the north at Morgan Street. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by D. Ward, seconded by G. Wilson. Voted 8-0).
2. Request from Alderman Venita Herve, 5th Ward, to prohibit commercial vehicles on Magnolia Street from Blackhawk Park Avenue to Seminary Street. (G. Wilson discussed that School District has told drivers not to use this street. Commission discussed that there is very small amount of trucks that would use the road. Commission discussed that placing sign would require additional enforcement and would upset residents if enforcement was not done. Commission recommended No Action. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by C. Bishop. Voted 8-0).

The Traffic Commission recommended laying over the following items:

1. Request from Mrs. Joan Szuminski, 3408 Shirley Rd., 61108, 10th Ward, that a “No Parking Any Time” restriction be established on both sides of Fairview Avenue from Oak Grove Avenue to Michael Drive. Thus establishing No Parking Any Time from State Street to Michael Drive. (Commission discussed that resident was concerned about sight distance to the south when cars are parked along Fairview Avenue. J. Carter discussed that he had been out to the area on numerous occasions at different times of the day and had not seen a parking issue that blocked visibility. Commission discussed that parking was at a premium in the area. Commission laid over item in order to look at requested traffic accident data for the area. Motion by G. McIntyre, seconded by T. Okite. Voted 9-0).

Other items:

G. McIntyre presented the 2011 Boone and Winnebago Greenways Plan and Map and discussed how plan was used in making decisions on infrastructure planning. G. McIntyre also presented the Rockford Regional Freight Study and discussed Federal requirements for the study. Commission discussed the regional need for these plans and studies and did not have any negative comments. No action was required or taken.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM. Motion by J. Carter, seconded by C. Bishop.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Wednesday, August 10, 2011, 6:00 PM.

Rockford City Hall
425 East State Street
2nd floor, Conference Room A

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Carter
Recording Secretary